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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44*bis*)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RJB/P470019WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/GB2004/002376	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 03 June 2004 (03.06.2004)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 12 July 2003 (12.07.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1.

This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

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Box No. II

Priority

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Box No. III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

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Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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Box No. VI

Certain documents cited

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Box No. VII

Certain defects in the international application

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Box No. VIII

Certain observations on the international application

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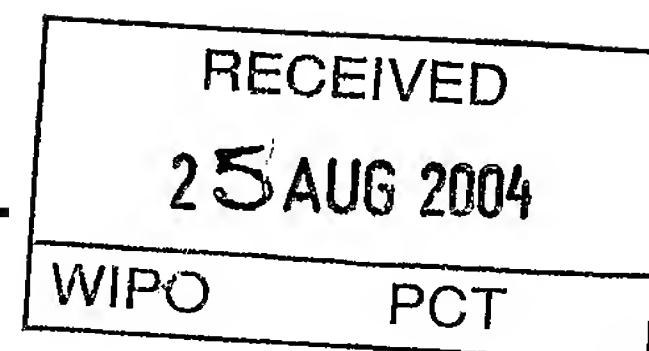
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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**  
See paragraph 2 below

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PCT/GB2004/002376

International filing date (day/month/year)  
03.06.2004

Priority date (day/month/year)  
12.07.2003

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC  
F16H61/00

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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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### 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:  
☐ a sequence listing  
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:  
☐ in written format  
☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:  
☐ contained in the international application as filed.  
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. II Priority**

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1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

- ☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	2-12
	No: Claims	1,13,14
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	2-12
	No: Claims	1,13,14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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The following document is referred to in this communication:

D1 : EP 1 099 884 A (NISSAN MOTOR) 16 May 2001 (2001-05-16)

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INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document):  
a continuously variable ratio transmission assembly ("variator") (1) comprising a roller (18C, 18D, 20C, 20D) which transmits drive between a pair of races (18A, 18B, 20A, 20B), the roller being movable in accordance with changes in variator ratio, a hydraulic actuator (106, 107, 116, 117) which applies a biasing force to the roller, at least one valve (70, 70A) connected to the actuator through a hydraulic line to control pressure applied to the actuator and so to control the biasing force, and an electronic control (300) which determines the required biasing force and sets the valve accordingly, wherein the valve setting is additionally dependent upon a rate of flow in the hydraulic line (see passage cited in the International Search Report: the valve limits the maximum differential pressure over the actuator thus valve setting will depend upon the (wanted/required) rate of flow in the hydraulic line).

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DEPENDENT CLAIMS 13, 14

Dependent claims 13, 14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

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**DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 - 12**

4.1

The combination of the features of dependent claim 2 is neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art. This claim meets the requirements of Articles 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

4.2

The dependent claims 3 - 12 would also meet these requirements when dependent on claim 2.